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SUBJ: SENATE STAFFDEL VISIT TO SAHEL

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DR DAVID FRENCH OF BOSTON UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER, ONLY STAFFDEL MEMBER TO VISIT NDJAMENA, STAYED BUT ONE DAY IN CHAD AND IN COMPANY OF CDO AND VARIOUS EMBASSY AND CDO STAFF MEMBERS CONSULTED WITH GOC DIRECTOR PUBLIC HEALTH, WHO PROJECT MANAGER, FRENCH OPERATIONAL ADVISOR TO ENDEMIC DISEASE SERVICE, FRENCH PRIEST DEDICATED TO RESETTLEMENT ACTIVITIES, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF FAO, WFP, UNICEF AND CARE. BESIDES GENERAL INTEREST IN POST-DROUGHT SITUATION IN CHAD, HIS PRIMARY CONCERN WAS PUBLIC HEALTH PLANNING AND OPERATIONS, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND RELATIONSHIP OF NUTRITIONAL PROBLEMS TO GENERAL HEALTH SCENE. DISCUSSIONS WITH INTERVIEWEES CENTERED MAINLY UPON THEIR RESPECTIVE PROGRAMS AND REVEALED NO NEW INFORMATION NOT ALREADY REPORTED TO AID/W. APPARENTLY DR. FRENCH LEFT WITH IMPRESSION THAT MAGNITUDE OF HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS IN CHAD ARE VAST, MANAGERIAL RESOURCES SPARSE AND INSTITUTIONAL CAPABILITIES OVERTAXED. HE RECEIVED SMALL SNATCHES OF SOMETIMES CONFLICTING NOTIONS THAT LEFT IN AMBIGUITY THE FATE AWAITING CHAD'S POPULATION THIS SUMMER; AND ALTHOUGH, AT PRESENT, THERE NO IDENTIFIABLE REFUGEE GROUPS WITH ATTENDANT PROBLEMS BEYOND EVER PRESENT NUTRITIONAL DEFICIENCIES AND POOR STATE OF HEALTH AMONG THE MAJORITY, SITUATION COULD WELL REVERT

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TO LESS TOLERABLE DEGREE OF SUFFERING IN COMING MONTHS WITH

DESTITUTE PEOPLE FLOCKING TO POPULATION CENTERS FOR SUCCOUR.
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